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SUBJECT: RECENT EVENTS IN THE YEMENS AND TWINAM MISSION

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1. CHARGE BRIEFED FOREIGN MINISTRY POLITICAL CHIEF SADEK
SULAIMAN JLY 5 ON TWINAM VISIT TO SANA AND OTHER POINTS
OF REFTEL. THIS WAS FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SUCH PRE-
SENTATION TO APPROPRIATE OMANGOV OFFICIAL, SINCE PRINCIPALS
OF FOREIGN MINISTRY HAVE BEEN SUCCESSIVELY IN PEKING
(ZAWAWI AND SULAIMAN), AT UNGA IN NEW YORK (ALAWI), AND AT
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ARAB LEAGUE IN CAIRO (ALAWI AND SULAIMAN).

2. SULAIMAN DID NOT REACT NOTABLY TO THE BRIEFING.
INVITED TO GIVE OMANGOV ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION IN
NORTH AND SOUTH YEMEN, HE COMENTED THAT NEW ADEN
REGIME IS LESS STABLE THAN ITS PREDECESSOR, FOR SALIM
RUBAI ALI AND ABDUL FATTAH ISMAIL HAD POIVDED BALANCE

TO EACH OTHER. RUBAI ALI HAD PERMITTED OUTREACH TO ARAB NEIGHBORS, WHILE ISMAIL HAD KEPT LINES OPEN TO SOVIET BLOC. NOW THE BALANCE IS GONE. FORCES WITHIN AND WITHOUT PDRY WHICH HAD DEPENDED ON THE RUBAI ALI CONNECTION ARE DISAFFECTED. SULAMAN SAID HTIS IN TONE ALMOST SUGGESTING OMANGOV IS RELIEVED AT THE CHANGE BECAUSE IT WEAKENS OMAN'S MAIN ADVERSARY INTERNALLY. HOWEVER, SULAIMAN NEVER SAID THIS.

3. CONTINUING HIS ASSESSMENT, SULAIMAN PICKED UP CHARGE'S STATEMENT THAT USG HOPES TO CONSULT CLOSELY WITH OMANGOV WHEN TWINAM COMPLETES REPORT. NOTING THAT SEVENTEEN MEMBERS OF ARAB LEAGUE HAD JUST DECIDED TO "FREEZE" RELATIONS WITH PDRY, SULAIMAN SUGGESTED THAT USG MIGHT WISH TO TAKE THIS FACT INTO ACCOUNT IN DECIDING WHAT IT SHOULD DO NEXT.
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